

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 2-3, 8-11, 14, and 18.

Please amend claims 4, 15, and 19 as set forth below.

A complete listing of all claims in this application is set forth below.

Claims 1-3 (canceled).

4. (currently amended) ~~The radial component according to claim 3,~~
wherein: A radial component for a wrist prosthesis comprising:
a stem configured for engagement within the radius bone;
a platform attached to said stem;
an insert defining an articulating surface for mating with an articulating
element of a metacarpal wrist component; and
a mating feature between said insert and said platform to permit
engagement of said insert to said platform and removal therefrom without
removing said platform from said stem and without removing said stem from the
radius,
wherein said mating feature includes mating snap-fit elements defined in
said platform and said insert,
wherein said mating snap-fit elements includes a female snap-fit element
defined in said platform and a male snap-fit element defined in said insert,
wherein said platform defines a recess with an opening sized to receive
said insert therein and an undercut defined around at least a portion of said
opening; and
wherein said insert includes at least one flexible tab configured to engage
said undercut within said opening.

5. (original) The radial component according to claim 4, wherein said
insert includes two flexible tabs at opposite ends of said insert.

6. (original) The radial component according to claim 4, wherein each of said flexible tabs includes a wedge surface configured to deflect each of said two flexible tabs as the wedge surface contacts said platform when said platform is introduced into said recess.

7. (original) The radial component according to claim 4, wherein said insert includes a body, said body defining a slot adjacent said at least one flexible tab.

Claims 8-11 (canceled).

12. (previously presented) A radial component for a wrist prosthesis comprising:

- a stem configured for engagement within the radius bone;
- a platform attached to said stem;
- an insert defining an articulating surface for mating with an articulating element of a metacarpal wrist component; and
- a mating feature between said insert and said platform to permit engagement of said insert to said platform and removal therefrom without removing said platform from said stem and without removing said stem from the radius,

wherein said mating feature includes:

- a first slot extending through said insert;
- a second slot extending through said platform, said first and second slots opening toward each other when said insert is engaged to said platform;
- an opening defined in said platform in communication with said second slot and aligned with said first slot when said insert is engaged to said platform; and
- a pin configured to alternatively extend through said second slot and through said opening and said first slot.

13. (original) The radial component according to claim 12, wherein said first slot and said second slot are angled relative to each other.

Claim 14 (canceled).

15. (currently amended) ~~The radial component according to claim 14, A~~
radial component for a wrist prosthesis comprising:

a stem configured for engagement within the radius bone;

a platform attached to said stem;

an insert defining an articulating surface for mating with an articulating
element of a metacarpal wrist component; and

a mating feature between said insert and said platform to permit
engagement of said insert to said platform and removal therefrom without
removing said platform from said stem and without removing said stem from the
radius,

wherein said mating feature includes:

an opening defined in said platform;

a recess defined in said insert and arranged to align with said
opening when said insert is engaged to said platform; and

a locking member pivotably disposed in said opening and configured
engage said recess when said locking member is in a locking position and to
disengage said recess when said locking member is not in said locking position,

wherein said locking member is eccentrically mounted within said opening
and includes a cam surface configured for engaging said recess.

16. (original) The radial component according to claim 15, wherein said locking member includes an arm extending from said cam surface, said arm manipulated to pivot said locking member.

17. (original) The radial component according to claim 16, wherein said platform defines an indentation for receiving said arm when said locking member is in said locking position.

Claim 18 (canceled).

19. (currently amended) ~~The method for implanting a radial component according to claim 18, comprising the further steps of:~~ A method for implanting a radial component of a wrist prosthesis, comprising:

implanting a platform in the radius bone;

engaging an insert to the platform when the platform is implanted in the radius bone, the insert defining a bearing surface for mating with an articulating element of a metacarpal wrist component;

while the platform is implanted in the radius bone, removing the insert from the platform; and

engaging another insert to the platform.

20. (original) A method for implanting a radial component of a wrist prosthesis, comprising:

- implanting a platform in the radius bone;
- engaging an insert to the platform, the insert defining a bearing surface for mating with an articulating element of a metacarpal wrist component;
- while the platform is implanted in the radius bone, removing the insert from the platform; and
- engaging another insert to the platform.